

FUND FOR UFO RESEARCH

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Office Activity

Office activity continues negligible. A single sighting was called in from NW Washington, D.C. On September 5, booming sounds were heard and flashes of light seen, but this was also the night of a fireworks display for visiting dignitaries, and no object was actually seen in the sky.

Fund Web Site

A "Hall of Fame" of individuals who have distinguished themselves within ufology over five decades has been drafted as well as a brief introduction to the UFO subject. As of September, the new web site format is not in place.

Operational Matters

A proposal will be submitted for the board's consideration to pay Tom Tulien for his Historical Group meeting. The multi-thousand dollar project must be voted on by the national board.

The Fund executive committee, with agreement from board members, is planning a special invitational meeting to chart a course for future scientific research and study of UFOs.

The executive committee voted to contribute \$500 to Ballester-Olmos's Anomaly Foundation for 2001.

The Fund will staff a table at the MUFON Symposium in Irvine, CA. New publications will include *The UFO Evidence II* by Richard Hall and a biography of Capt. Edward Ruppelt by Wendy Connors.

Copies of Ed Gehrman's CD-ROMs on the alien autopsy were given out to executive board members for comments.

Fund supporter, Wilson Powell, has donated 15-17 boxes of UFO books and journals, some dated from the 1960's.

Ramey Letter Interpretation

Brad Sparks and Robert Nathan, using a new processing technique, will analyze the Ramey message photographs at a cost of \$240. The work would be done gratis on Nathan's part.

On-going Proposals and Projects

Dick Haines is preparing to submit his UFO photographic report.

New Projects

Steve Kaeser would like the Fund to make the Mario Pazzaglini document on alien writings available on CD-ROM and is in the process of obtaining permission to do so.

James Houran has asked for assistance with page costs of a paper by himself and Kevin Randle on the Ramey memo that has been sent to the *Journal of Scientific Exploration*. The executive board agreed to a \$750 payment.

The Center for UFO Studies would like to organize the John Timmerman interview transcripts, which range over several decades, into a coherent monograph. Mike Swords will collate the best reports from thousands of pages of documents. The cost is \$3000 and the time to completion 6 months after approval. The executive committee approved the proposal, and it is being sent to the national board for a vote.

Coalition (CUFOS, FUFOR, MUFON) Activities

Delphos Report.—Tom Deuley has agreed to help prepare this manuscript for publication. Mike Swords is writing a summary of the Budinger Report, a technical paper which will be incorporated in this manuscript.

Coalition publication *The Best Available Evidence* was twentieth among UFO titles on Amazon.com in late August and sixtieth in overall sales. The Coalition has almost paid back the advance by sales receipts which covered the second half of 2000.

Coalition publication *The UFO Evidence II* are climbing but sales data has not been submitted to the Coalition (information is usually received in June of the following year).

Because of scheduling difficulties, no Fund meetings were held in the last quarter Of 2001.